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Applicants

M. SUGIMOTO et al.

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 GROUP 3600

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 23, 2003 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on January 23, 2004 was set. The extended period expires effectively on February 23, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) for a one (1) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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